

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Ken HIRANO et al.**

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Examiner: **Terrell Howard Matthews**

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AND APPARATUS FOR RECOVERY**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 31, 2007, the response date of which having been extended by two months to October 31, 2007, Applicants submit the following remarks, which begin on page 2 of this paper.